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# Farmington-area matmen shine at state

By TOM BAER

Farmington High's Don Dettler closed out his coaching career on a happy note last weekend at the Class A state wrestling meet at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

Two of the three Farmington wrestlers who qualified for the state meet performed well enough to compile 29 points and land their team a ninth-place finish.

"We had three kids there (in the state meet), and there were only 12 other schools with three or more," said Dettler, who announced that he will leave coaching to work on a post-graduate degree.

"And our three did a nice job. They came a long way through the district and the regional, where only the top two wrestlers made it."

The Farmington point-getters were seniors Dave Denny, who placed third in the 112-pound competition; and Jim Steiner, who finished fifth in the 167-pound class. Mark Denny, Dave's younger brother, also qualified for the state meet, but was eliminated early in 132-pound action.

North Farmington was represented in the Class A meet by 132-pound junior Paul Cotter, who lost his first two of his first three matches.

In the Class B state meet, held at the same U-M site, Farmington Harrison

senior Bob Cushing gained a fourth place at 145 pounds. Teammate Ken Kopko found the going rough in the 185-pound class, losing his first two matches.

**FARMINGTON'S DAVE** Denny pushed his individual record to 37-3. He's pinned 30 opponents this season.

In state-meet bouts, Dave started by decisioning Midland Dow's Mark Burch, 12-0. Then Lansing Eastern's Wayne Jackson, the eventual 119 champion, pinned Dave in 3:30. The Farmington wrestler came back to pin Howell's Mike O'Hanlon in 1:55 and beat East Detroit's Steve Patti on a referee's decision after a scoreless tie.

"Dave won that match because that Patti kid was stalling," Dettler said. "He'd crawl off the mat, stalling and wasting time."

Steiner owns a 35-9 record after state action. He pinned Dearborn Fordon's Paul Hubbard in 3:33 and decisioned Rochester High's Jim Gostiaux, 17-2.

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before losing to Holt's Mike Conkline, 6-2.

In the battle for fifth place, Steiner outlasted Lansing Sexton's Lyle McFadden, 9-5.

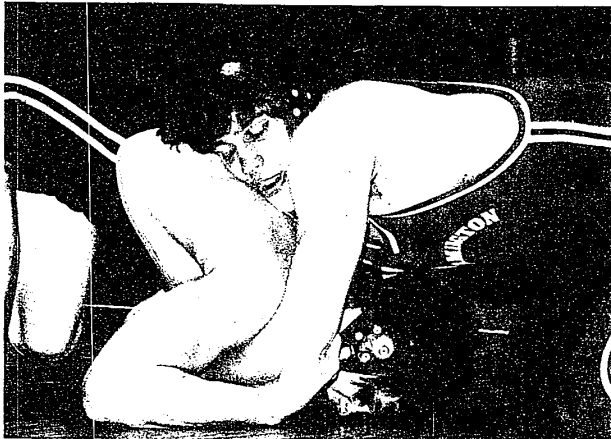
"Steiner should have been in the finals against (Walled Lake Western's) Angelo Buttazzoni," Dettler said. "But this kid from Rochester (Gostiaux) is a physical-fitness champ and just wore out Steiner in the second match."

Mark Denny finished at 28-10 after losses to Gorham Bell of Lansing Harry Hill (12-3) and Bill Witgen of Fraser (3-2).

**NORTH'S COTTER** lost to Troy Feutz of Grand Rapids Union on referee's criteria after an 8-all tie, beat Midland's Alex Walier, 3-2, and then was eliminated by Dearborn Edsel Ford's Ramis Fakhoury on a 10-4 decision. Cotter finished with a 27-18 record.

Harrison's Cushing, who has a 31-12 record, pinned Doug Dunn of West Branch Ogema Heights in 4:41, lost to New Boston Huron's Steve Bokor, 15-9, beat Chris Salisbury of Mt. Pleasant, 9-6, and then lost to Saline's Steve Hatfield, 8-0.

Kopko lost to Battle Creek Lakeview's Greg Magrum, 5-3, and was pinned by Cuyamaca's Todd Dunham, 4-0. The losses gave Kopko a 30-10 season record.



Farmington High's Jim Steiner (right) tangles with Dearborn Edsel Ford's Paul Hubbard in a 167-pound match in the Class A state meet. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

## Raiders stun Henry Ford

By TOM BAER

For once North Farmington basketball coach Ken Dean was in a mood to make jokes.

"We've been trying to come up with a headline for you guys," Dean told a reporter after watching his Raiders surprise Detroit Henry Ford, 45-44, in a Class A district game at Southfield High last Tuesday.

"How about North recalls Ford, or something like that?"

There hasn't been much cause for levity around North Farmington this winter. Its basketball team entered tournament play with a lousy 5-13 record.

BUT TOM Rennard, a 6-foot-3 junior, saved North from an early elimination against favored Henry Ford by sinking a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer.

## HHS rips Pinckney

There was no loafing on the bench for Farmington Harrison's substitutes Wednesday in the Hawks' 70-50 rout of Pinckney in the state Class B basketball district game at Novi High School.

All 15 Hawks played and two of them, Gus Kehagias and Bruce Yeager, scored in double figures as Harrison pushed its season record to 15-5 with its eighth-straight victory.

"I think maybe our starters were looking ahead a little," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team will play in the district final at 7 p.m. on Friday against either Oak Park or University of Detroit High.

"So I was glad our subs played as well as they did. We're going to need that kind of play on Friday against U-D High or Oak Park."

Harrison outscored Pinckney in every quarter. The Hawks' two big men, Steve Shamborn (6-foot-3) and Steve Hollatz (6-4) scored 14 and 16 points, respectively. Yeager contributed 13 points, and Kehagias had 13.

Pinckney, which closed out a 3-17 season, got 17 points from Mark Barrett and eight more from Nick Monaster. Pinckney made only 18 of 49 field goal attempts and went 14 of 28 from the line.

Shamborn pulled down 11 rebounds. Hollatz had nine and Yeager seven as Harrison dominated the boards, 52-26. Harrison hit on 25 of 58 floor shots and 20 of 29 free throws.

Revenge may have been on the minds of Harrison's cagers. Last March, Pinckney eliminated the Hawks in the district final, 56-51.

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Rennard finished with 12 points, and teammate Mark Bowditch had 12.

North's unsung hero, Ken Winemaster, didn't score a point. But the 6-4 Winemaster did an excellent job of keeping Ford's Vince Giles off the boards and out of the scoring column.

"Ken did a nice job," Dean said. "Giles picked up two quick fouls and ended up fouling out with three or four minutes left to play. I think he was averaging about 20, but he scored just two against us."

Dean faced Ford with a revamped lineup — a game plan devised by assistant coach Denny Mikel.

"I KNEW we had to do two things," Dean said. "We had to handle Ford's pressure defense and we had to control the defensive backboards. I didn't

want them getting more than one shot at the basket. So I put in the biggest kids I had."

The two were tied at 10 after the opening quarter and North went up by five (22-17) at halftime.

"We wanted to slow it down and control the tempo," said Dean, "and we were doing a pretty good job of it in the first half."

But Ford rallied to score 21 third-quarter points to North's 10, and the Raiders were down by six (38-32) going into the last quarter.

Eric Dixon and Arvis Young scored 10 and 14 points, respectively, for Ford, which finished with an 11-10 record.

By winning, North made the district finals to play either Southfield High or Southfield-Lathrup on Friday. Game time is 7 p.m.

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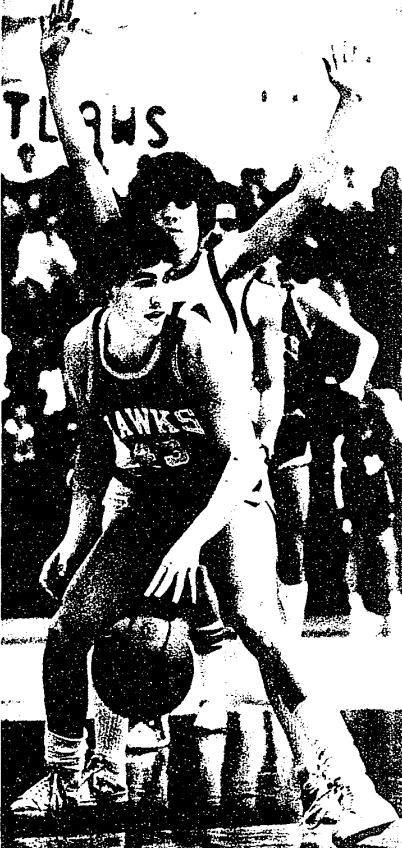
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Harrison's Tom Solomon (43) maneuvers against Novi High. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## Farmington eliminated

By BRAD EMONS

There's nothing like home, sweet home. Livonia Churchill, playing in the friendly confines of its own gym, opened Class A district play Monday night with a 65-54 basketball victory over Farmington.

The win avenges an earlier season loss (52-51) for the Chargers, who increased their overall record to 9-11. Farmington bowed out at 9-12.

Churchill broke open a tight duel in the latter stages of the fourth quarter. The Chargers helped themselves by hitting 13 of 21 free throws down the stretch.

"That was the ball game," said Farmington coach Rich Roy. "We hit 10 of 20. Ford

shooting kept us behind while they kept making them. We missed some one-and-one's, and obviously playing on their home floor helped them."

**FARMINGTON TOOK** a four-point advantage with 7:49 left in the game when Paul Kobel converted inside for a layup after taking a pass from Kevin Nichols.

Churchill, however, answered with nine straight points to take a five-point lead.

"The key was hitting those free throws," said Churchill coach Don Albertson. "I felt that was important. Chris Harvath hit some critical free throws and so did Rich Baron."

Churchill's Ron Reed brought the house down with 2:58 to go by converting a steal into a slam dunk to give the Chargers a 53-46 bulge.

Farmington's Pete Mantyla, however, turned in a three-point play seven seconds later to cut the margin to 53-49.

Baron, a 6-foot senior guard, then hit five of his team-high 13 points to put away his Churchill.

"OUR OUTSIDE shooting was off," added Roy, "and we were forcing a little bit. With their height, we had to shoot over them." Kobel, a 6-4 junior, led all scorers with 15 points and nine rebounds. Mantyla had 13 and Jerry Liphardt, who went cold in the fourth quarter, added 12.

Churchill had a balanced attack. Harvath and hustling guard Kelsey Thayer each chipped in with 12.

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